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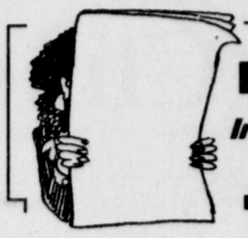

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Setting the tone

Southport's key commercial area to follow common architectural theme

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

City planning commission members will be asked tomorrow to select a "palette" of architectural styles to be used when developers build out the Southport area's core commercial area in coming years. An architectural theme to such areas is required by the city's Southport Framework Plan.

"What's on the table is the commercial area surrounding the Club Pheasant in the 'town center' of Southport," said Rebecca van Buren, a planner on staff with the City of West Sacramento. "The design kind of springboards off of the Club Pheasant. There's supposed to be an architectural theme kind of like the Nugget market they just built in Davis, which is an awesome building."

Van Buren said the Nugget supermarket on Covell Blvd. in Davis fits into the "agrarian" theme proposed as one of four sub-themes for the commercial complex, with its "farmer's market" and agricultural-style details. Builders in the core area may also choose to face their buildings in a "rustic romantic" style, using plenty of "stone, brick and wood craftsman-type construction"; a contemporary/winery style, or "Main Street edge" style.

The four different themes are designed to add variety to the commercial center, while also working well together.

"The landowners want to have a 'palette' they can work from that works together and makes this a special place," said van Buren. "It all needs to work together and be coordinated so it's not mismatched."

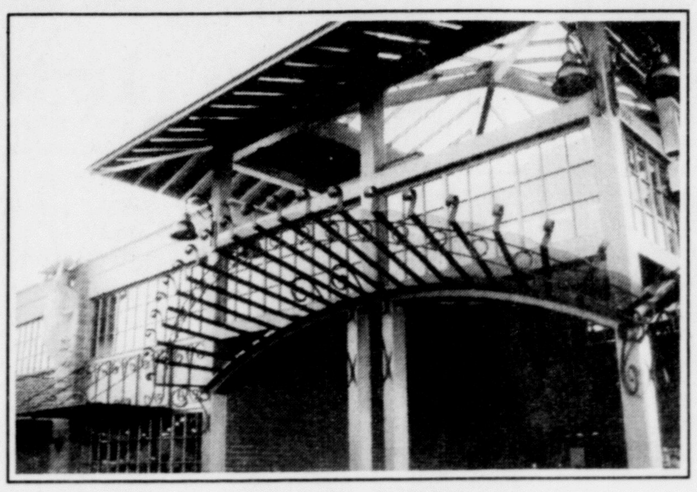
These style selections are the result of selection by RTKL Associates of Los Angeles, working on behalf of some of the commercial area's landowners. Company representative Norm Garden will be on hand at tomorrow's 6 p.m. planning commission meeting to offer a presentation on the styles.

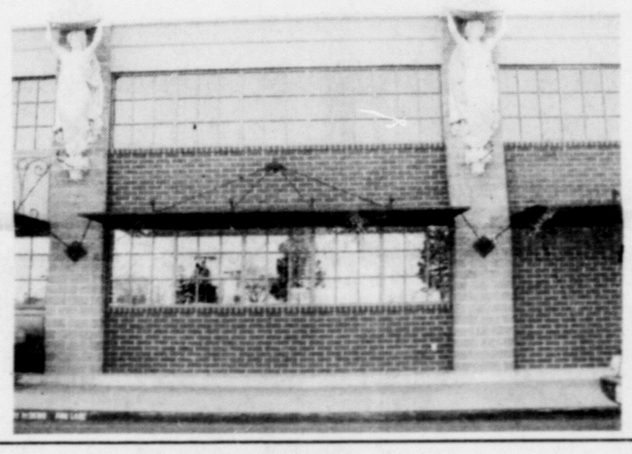
The "Southport Town Center" – the main commercial center for the 7,000-acre Southport area south of the barge canal in West Sacramento – is located east of Jefferson Blvd., west of the Yolo Shortline railroad tracks and north of Linden Rd. to the front of the new Gateway housing development.

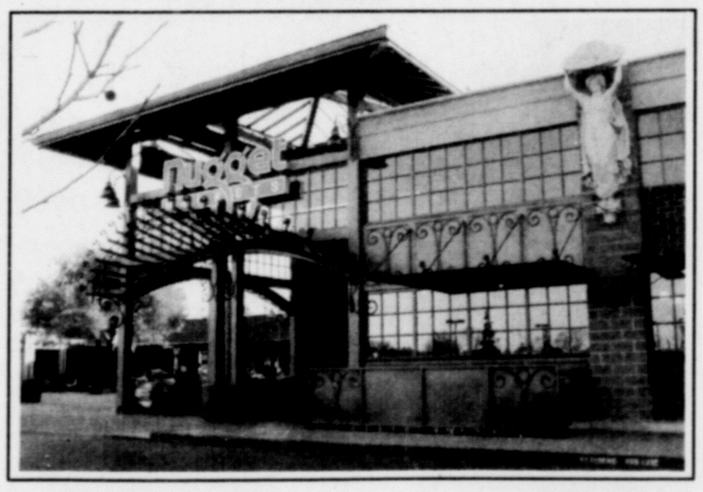
The town center includes the landmark Club Pheasant restaurant, a proposed Nugget supermarket, a planned McDonald's restaurant (with a two-lane drive-through) and other commercial establishments – all of which will have to follow an architectural theme chosen by the city. While the standards will apply to commercial, public and multi-family buildings in the town center, it will merely be "encouraged" for new single-family homes, and city staffers "hope" that the style will also be used in new school construction in the area.

Relevent projects will undergo city design review to check for conformance with the styles chosen.

The planning commission meets at 6 p.m. Thursday at 1350 Halyard Ave.







RIGHT: These views of the Nugget market in North Davis present an 'agrarian' example of the styles under consideration for Southport's Town Center. Nugget also plans a Southport supermarket.

Local woman tapped for Bush government

Marlene Minix

Marlene Eddy Minix, a lifelong resident of West Sacramento and a member of the West Sacramento Women of the Moose, has accepted a position in Washington D.C. with the George W. Bush administration as the Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman. This will be her second stint in Washington, having worked in the George Bush administration from 1989 to 1993.

Recently retired from the State of California with 44 years of service, Marlene is a graduate of the first graduating class of James Marshall High School (now River City High School). She is the daughter of the late James and Rita Eddy and her father was the Yolo County Poundmaster for many years.

Marlene said, "Washington D.C. is a very historic and fascinating place and I encourage everyone to visit our nation's capitol."

Across the bridge

Selected events from around the region –

Old City Cemetery tours

Docent-led tours of Sacramento's Historic City Cemetery begin on Free Museum Day, Saturday, February 10th, at 10 a.m. These historic guided tours of Sacramento's pioneer cemetery last 60 minutes and are free of charge, although donations to the cemetery's Restoration Fund are always greatly appreicated. For more information, call 448-0811.

Black History Month

The public is invited to attend Black History Month events at Cosumnes River College beginning Wednesday, February 7th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Music, games, lectures, fashion and ethnic food in the CRC Cafeteria and Library Lobby will begin the month's festivities. For more information about additional scheduled activities, call Kristie Marsh at 691-7199.

Alzheimers Aid Society celebrates 20th Anniversary

On Tuesday, February 27th, at the Doubletree Hotel (2001 Point West Way in Sacramento) the Alzheimers Aid Society of Northern California will hold will hold a sit-down dinner with speakers. The cost is $25 per person. For ticket information, call John or Bea at (209)333-2649.

Domestic violence training

The El Dorado Women's Center, which has been serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for over 20 years, is beginning its community education and volunteer certification training on Wednesday, February 7th. There are many ways to volunteer, and for more information, call Karen at 530-626-1450.

Weavers and Spinners Guild open house

The Sacramento Weavers and Spinners Guild will hold their annual open house on Saturday and Sunday, February 3rd and 4th at the Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento. For more information, contact Cheryl Provost at 530-676-4311.

Literary talks

The Davis Senior Center will sponsor a new series of literary talks and readings that will begin in January and run through May. All readings/lectures are free and will take place at the Davis Senior Center at 646 A Street in Davis. Call 530-757-5696 for more information.

China, glass and pottery show and sale

The Sacramento International Depression Glass Club will hold their 30th anniversary show on Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will display vintage glass, china and pottery. The event will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H Street in Sacramento.

Holiday Inn Express planned for Evergreen

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A 50-room "Holiday Inn Express" hotel may be on its way to the Harbor Blvd./Evergreen Ave. intersection.

West Sacramento's planning commission will be asked tomorrow to pave the way for the hotel by creating a new "planned development" area involving the hotel site and the gas station next door to it. The area is otherwise zoned appropriately for the three-story project with semi-underground parking, said city planning staff member David Tilley.

"Essentially, it's a hotel going for the upper-middle market," said Tilley. "It's an interior-corridor facility and not an exterior-corridor facility, which makes a big difference. I would say it's on a par with the Best Western on Halyard, or better."

The site on the east side of Harbor Blvd. is owned by Suresh Patel.

Tilley said that the hotel site alone doesn't provide enough room for an appropriate "floor area ratio" for the hotel. But by creating a planned development area that includes the gas station next to it, the floor area ratio will meet local standards and the development won't be considered too dense.

"What we are proposing is allowing the floor area ratio to be shared by the two parcels," said Tilley.

The planning commission meets at 1350 Halyard Dr. at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Dispute resolved:

Teachers accept 7.2 percent pay hike for last half of fiscal year

Following an overwhelmingly positive vote by local teachers, the Washington Unified School Board on Thursday also ratified a salary deal for the teachers' union that "split the difference" following an expensive misunderstanding during negotiations.

In late 2000, the two sides renegotiated the teachers' pay from January to June of this year after the district benefited from a state money "windfall" under Governor Gray Davis.

But, according to representatives of both sides, the teachers put together their salary proposal after a handshake deal with the district that included erroneous budget information provided by the last superintendent.

The result was that the teachers expected a 7.8 percent raise, while the district had only intended to agree upon a 6.5 percent raise.

The two sides were at loggerheads for several months, and some teachers curtailed their "non-contract," extra-curricular activities for students during the dispute.

Last week, the two sides finalized a deal for a 7.2 percent raise for the teachers, which will be used by the union primarily to raise the pay for more senior teachers.

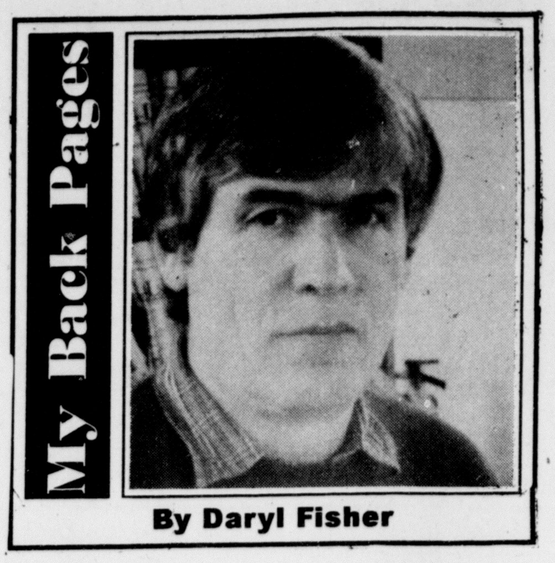
The union believes that the top of their pay scale has been too low to encourage teachers to stay in the district after their first few years of service.

School board to discuss how to choose next superintendent

The school board of the Washington Unified School District will meet for a special workshop Thursday at 6 p.m. in the district's board room, 930 Westacre Rd.

The main topics of the meeting will be a discussion of the selection of a permanent superintendent following the reassignment of former superintendent Dr. Dennis Kelleher. Patrick Campbell, who serves now as an interim superintendent, is expected to be a candidate; and a workshop on facilities.

Martha Adelaide Wilson Cline -- my Granny



By Daryl Fisher

(Note: A few days ago, a friend of mine reminded me that beginning next month, I will have been writing this little column in the News-Ledger for a full decade. "Of all those columns," asked my friend, "which one is your favorite?" It is reprinted below.)

I was nine-years old and had never been on a train before when my mother suddenly decided it was time for the whole family to get on board the Southern Pacific Railroad and head out to Missouri to visit my grandmother. I didn't even know where Missouri was, but I was really anticipating finally spending some time with Martha Adelaide Wilson Cline (my Granny) on her own turf.

Granny was not your ordinary elderly lady. Her grandparents had once rented a room to the famous outlaw Jesse James (who left them a dollar tip), and her mother was directly related (although it had never been explained exactly how) to Teddy Roosevelt. I hadn't seen her since I was very little, but my mother had often explained that she lived in a small town called Ava, close to the town square, in a tiny white wooden house my father and uncle called 'the shack'. The shack had been purchased at the height of the Great Depression for ten dollars down and ten dollars a month. It had no running water and when you had to go to the bathroom, you used a two-seat outhouse in the backyard. Drinking water was retrieved from a nearby well and since collecting enough water to take a bath was a real hassle, bathing was way down on everyone's list of priorities.

The town itself still allowed horses to be tied up on posts in front of the grocery store and you could buy all the cherry Cokes you could drink for a dime and go to the movies on Saturday afternoon for a quarter. In other words, to a nine-year old boy who still rode around on a broom handle called Midnight and cherished his Roy Rogers lunch pail, Ava, Missouri sounded like paradise itself.

When we arrived at the shack I was surprised at how small my Granny was. She was barely five-feet tall, but her eyes sparkled as she took me by the hand and led me out into the backyard to show me the chickens and rabbits she raised. I had never seen chickens before, but I had just decided that they were kind of cute when Granny bent over, grabbed one of them by the neck and began swinging it around over her head. I could hardly believe my eyes as she finally threw the poor thing down on the ground and waited patiently for it to stop running all over the place. When it suddenly dropped dead, she picked it up, took my hand, and the three of us returned to the kitchen to start preparing dinner.

"Have you ever plucked a chicken before?" she asked me as she handed me the lifeless bird. No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't seem to speak.

The next afternoon, still not fully recovered from the shock of seeing a chicken get its neck wrung, I ventured out to the scene of the crime to play with the rabbits. They were caged in a huge hutch and there had to be at least 30 of them. Granny came up behind me and asked if I would like her to take one of them out so I could pet it.

"Can I pet them, really?" I remember asking her.

"Sure you can pet them," she said as she reached into the cage and pulled out the cutest one of the bunch. It was all white and fluffy, with big pink eyes and brown, droopy ears.

Granny waited patiently until I had petted myself out, gently took the bunny by the back of the neck, and strolled over to an old tree stump. She then held the wiggling rabbit tightly against the flat wooden surface, and with one clean stroke of an axe, whopped off the bunny's head.

It took me a few moments, but I finally managed to scream. Granny looked back at me with alarm, worried that I had hurt myself or something.

"Granny," I cried out, "you gotta stop killing things!"

She left the dead bunny on the tree stump and hurried over to me. She put her arm around me, looked deep into my eyes and gently explained, "Honey, a body's got to eat."

I don't remember exactly how long we stayed in Ava, Missouri that long ago summer of 1956, but by the time I went home I loved her fried chicken and rabbit dinners, and I could pluck feathers and help skin a rabbit with the best of them.

Over the years, Granny and I had many talks and it would take forever to list all the valuable knowledge she passed along to me. She also wrote me a lot of letters (especially when I was overseas), each of them ending with her favorite saying; "See you soon, if the good Lord's willing and the creeks don't rise."

Granny passed away a few years back at the age of 89. She had been born before there were airplanes, lived through two World Wars and the Great Depression, saw a man take a stroll on the moon and was a walking, breathing history book. She also made sure that for almost 40 years, I always received a card on my birthday with two crisp, brand new dollar bills in it. She is buried on a gently rolling hill just outside of Ava, next to the only man she ever loved, and not far from her beloved shack.

Awhile back, someone asked me what was the toughest thing I've ever had to do. Serving in Vietnam and a number of other things crossed my mind, but the answer was actually very simple; reading the eulogy at my Granny's funeral.

Yolo High awards merit honors

Yolo High School is pleased to announce that certificates of merit were awarded to Jeff Cross, Courtney Cross and Jason Tucker for perfect attendance.

Recognition certificates for 90% or better attendance, good academic progress and excellent citizenship and behavior were awarded to Victor Barrera, Anthony Belardi, Jeff Coons, Jeff Cross, Courtney Cross, Terrance King, Dillon Stenholm, Efrain Estrada, Alexandria Olson, Richard Rios, Jonathan Shaver, Jason Tucker and Angelo Vasquez.

Students and their families are being rewarded by a delivery during the weekend of a large Little Caesar's two-topping pizza compliments of Yolo High's business partnerships and student fund raising activities.

Obituaries

GRACIE ANN LAACKMANN

Gracie Ann Laackmann

Gracie was the beloved infant daughter of Larry and Mary Laackmann of West Sacramento. She was born on December 19, 2000 and passed away on January 27, 2001 after a courageous battle against an unexplained illness.

Gracie is survived by her parents, her big sister, Katie Laackmann, her grandparents, Karen Olstyn and Lawrence and Susan Laackmann of West Sacramento, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who loved her dearly.

Services for Gracie will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31st at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1701 L Street, Sacramento. Arrangements by River Cities Funeral Chapel of West Sacramento.

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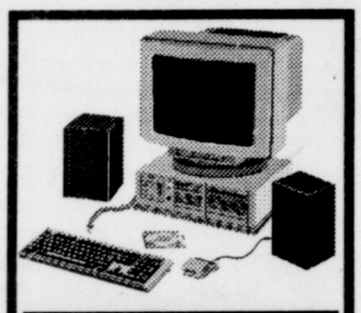
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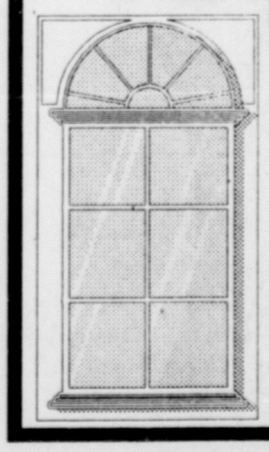
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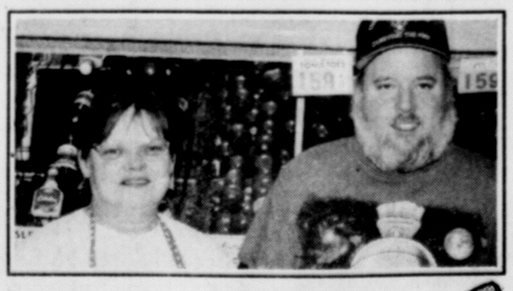
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SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

The NFL 2000-01 season finished with the Baltimore Ravens winning Super Bowl XXXV in Tampa Bay. The game was lowest TV rated Super Bowl in 30 years as the Baltimore Ravens put a lopsided 34-7 beating on the New York Giants.

The NFL's No.1 defense, led by league MVP Ray Lewis, continued their defensive magic holding the Giants offense to a total of 153 yards and zero points. The Giants looked helpless scoring only once on a kickoff return.

The game broke a few interesting Super Bowl records like the most punts (21) and most points scored (21) in less than 60 seconds but overall it was a one sided affair dominated by the Ravens defense. The Ravens defense allowed only one touchdown in their four post-season games and held their opponents to a total of 23 points or an average of less than six points a game! I guess defense can win games! The Giants were held to only six first downs (three on penalties) and forced to punt seven times in the first half.

Giants QB, Kerry Collins, who did manage to tie a Super Bowl record with his four interceptions, admitted to having a real bad day at the office.

Well, at least I finished the NFL season on a winning note by picking the Ravens to win and the overall score to be higher than 33 points. I also predicted that Raven QB,Trent Dilfer, would be the game MVP but I missed that one when the award was given to linebacker, Ray Lewis. Dilfer, who sat out part of the game with an injury, had a good game but Lewis stole the show with his ball hawking dominance.

Just when you thought the football season was over the XFL will kickoff it's inaugural season on Saturday. The league is owned by NBC and the WWF. Yes, the wrestling WWF! It must be for real because the Las Vegas odds makers have put out a betting line on games. The city of San Francisco will field a team called the Demons and play their home games at Pac Bell Park. San Francisco (+4) will host Los Angeles on Sunday, February 4th (1:00 p.m.) on NBC-TV. Can you smell what the Rock has cooking?

Speaking of cooking the Sacramento Kings (29-12) are on fire and finished the first half of the season with the best record in the Western Conference.

The coaching staff with the best record at the All-Star break gets to coach the conference All-Stars and that honor goes to the Kings coach, Rich Adelman. Chris Webber led in All-Star votes and will start at forward along side Shaq, Kobe, and Duncan. Peja will make his appearance at the All-Star game in Washington D.C. in the 3-point shooting contest.

The Kings are home this week against Golden State and Vancouver but the game to watch will be on Sunday in Los Angeles (12:30-NBC-TV) against the Lakers. The road gets little harder after that match up with Kobe and Shaq in L.A.

The Kings will travel to Milwaukee, who leads their division, and then it's on to Minnesota before the All-Star break.

See ya next week!

Police log

Jan. 28, 8:21 a.m.

At a West Capitol Ave. bar, a patron told an officer that he was punched in the face by a suspect, who then took $85 from his wallet and fled.

Jan. 28, 6:52 a.m.

An officer was asked by a woman to attend the scheduled child custody switch with her ex-husband at a West Capitol restaurant. She said that the custody order forbids either parent from drinking alcohol within 12 hours of transporting the youngster, but that the man habitually shows up for the switch drunk. The officer saw the man pull into the parking lot and exit his vehicle, showing signs of intoxication. He measured over the legal limit of blood alcohol and was arrested.

Jan. 29, 9 a.m.

A car was burglarized while it was parked for about a half-hour at a Shore St. business.

Jan. 29, 12:15 p.m.

Aluminum phone booths were stolen from the fenced area at a Northport Dr. business. Guard dogs were on duty at the time, and one appeared to have been injured.

Jan. 29, 5:05 p.m.

The property owner of an old city firehouse found a car inside the building. Police took custody of it.

Jan. 29, 5:42 p.m.

AT a West Capitol Ave. supermarket, a suspect took a woman's purse and fled towards a nearby motel. A witness pointed out the suspect's room to police, who found the 20-year old male suspect and a 38-year old woman inside. The purse was found; the man was arrested for stealing it, and the woman was arrested for having some of the stolen property.

The suspect was also a suspect in several other local strong-arm robberies.

Jan. 29, 10:39 p.m.

Security personnel at a local beverage company were watching an employee suspected of taking items from the business. They saw a different employee load a case of stolen soda into his car, and reported it. They were not immediately sure whether the company would decide to seek prosecution.

Jan. 29, 10:05 p.m.

Officers arrested a 13-year old girl for pulling a knife on her sister and threatening to kill her.

Book sale nets $1000 for local library

A big crowd of eager book buyers made the January 20-21 Booksale of the East Yolo Friends of the Library a big success. Total sales were $1001, which included receipts from the popular "dollar-a-bag" sale on Sunday.

Local citizens and businesses who helped with the sale included: Barbara and Don Avery, Janet and Ted Bagdazian, Wes Beers, Kay Cheever, Ethel Connors, Margaret and Philip Crawford, Betty Drumheller, Floy Gleason, Leila Holmes, Kristi Holmes, Jane and Bill Leek, Anne Leibrock, Carla Machado, Elise McCallan, Beverly Merkley, Gloria Meyers, John Ohlson, Maureen Pyle, Phyllis and Dick Rodgers, Su Sesso, Betty Sidhra, Joe Sokolich, Pat Stratful, Myrna and Errol Summy, Arno Witschard, Bill Wright and Marlene and Larry Wyneken, Ramco Enterprises and the *News-Ledger*.

Books, records, and audio and video tapes can be dropped off at the Arthur F. Turner Library throughout the year and are tax-deductible (ask for a slip). The next Friends of the Library Booksale is scheduled for June 2-3, 2001.

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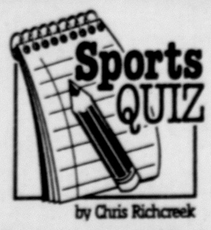

by Chris Richcreek

1. Which pitcher holds the record for the most strikeouts in an American League Championship Series game?
2. How many consecutive years during the 1990s did a Los Angeles Dodgers player win Rookie of the Year?
3. Which three NFL quarterbacks won their first seven career starts?
4. Which men's college basketball team beat the same opponent in the NCAA championship game two consecutive seasons?
5. Who was the first NHL defenseman to tally 300 career goals?
6. How many championship bouts for major heavyweight titles did Gerry Cooney have in his career?
7. True or false: In the first season of Major League Soccer, Roy Lassiter of Tampa Bay was the league's leading scorer and its regular-season MVP.

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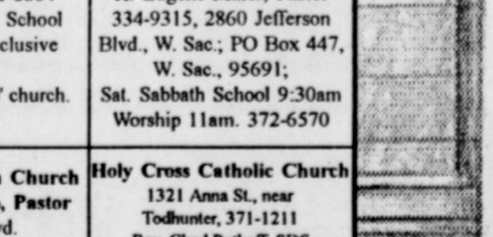

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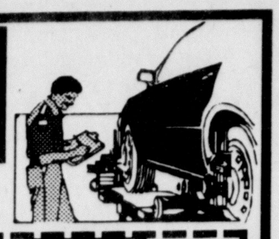

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By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

West Sacramentan Dennis Zanchi was born in Louisville, Kentucky and moved to California with his parents when he was eight-years old.

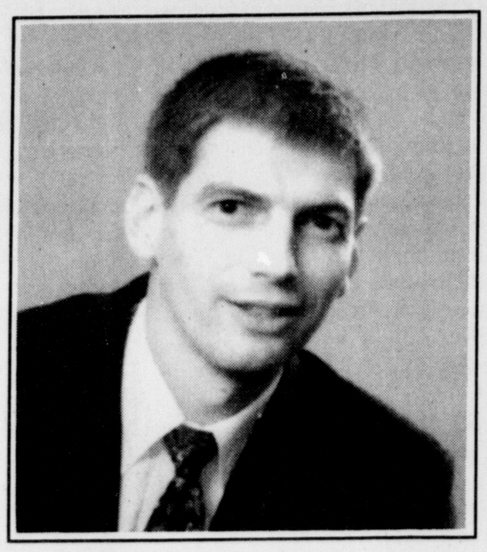
"Like just about everyone else on the planet, my parents wanted to go where it was warm and sunny most of the time," explained Dennis with a smile that comes easily to his face. "We ended up a few miles south of Santa Rosa, in a nice little place called Rohnert Park, and that is where I went to elementary school and high school."

After graduating from high school, Dennis attended California State University at Sacramento, where he majored in economics and communication studies.

"After college, my first real job was in marketing for a large credit union," said Dennis. "By 1998 I was helping 180 different banks and credit unions grow their market share, and last year I decided I had accumulated enough knowledge and experience to go into business for myself. I've always enjoyed helping people grow their assets and now I have the perfect vehicle to do that."

Before Dennis decided to become a self-employed investment representative with Edward Jones, a prestigious firm which has been serving individual investors in the United States since 1871, he really did his homework.

"I called almost all of their competitors to see how they did business," explained Dennis, "but what really finally sold me on Edward Jones were the 20 or so phone calls I made to some of their employees. I kept waiting for just one of them to tell me they hated working there, but it never happened. Instead, everyone I talked to kept telling me over and over again what a wonderful company Edward Jones is, and how they would never consider working some place else."



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Dennis was also extremely pleased to discover that his personal investment philosophy matched perfectly with Edward Jones.

"They want their clients to fully understand the investments they make," said Dennis, "and best of all, they don't tie down their investment representatives to an office. I get to spend all the time I want in the field getting to know my clients and explaining their financial options to them. Edward Jones also believes, as I do, that no one can consistently predict how markets will act and that's why it's important for investors to maintain broad diversification to reduce risk and possibly increase returns. And when it comes to stocks and bonds, successful investors are the ones who are in the market for the long term and know that some of the best opportunities can be found by remaining positive and buying great companies when the market is down and everyone around you is scared."

Dennis went on to explain that, "Ninety-percent of my job is simply educating investors about the type of investments that are available to them and making sure they understand all the pros and cons involved. The other ten percent of my job is coming up with sensible suggestions for where each individual investor can expect to see his or her money work best for them."

After attending an intensive four-month Edward Jones training program in St. Louis, Missouri, Dennis has spent the past few months knocking on doors and doing everything else he possibly can to get to know the specific investment needs of West Sacramentans.

"The response has been wonderful," said Dennis, "and I've been extremely encouraged by the conversations I've had with West Sacramentans interested in making sure their financial assets are properly invested. People need to be able to trust their investment advisor and I've found the best way to do that is with face to face conversations. Plus the people in this community are so friendly and interested in what I have to say that I've totally enjoyed all the time I've been spending in the field."

Dennis's West Sacramento Edward Jones office won't be completely up and running until this summer, but he would like to encourage anyone interested in talking with a well-trained investment representative with a quality brokerage firm which serves more than 2.8 million investors nationwide to give him a call at 916-373-9277. He can also be reached on the Internet at www.edwardjones.com.

"I bought my home in West Sacramento almost seven years ago," said Dennis, "and I have definitely come to love this town. It's really exciting to finally be living and working in the same community and I hope any of your readers who are thinking about making future investments or who are interested in a review of their existing investments will give me a call so we can set up a time and place to get together. If nothing else, after we talk and they know for a fact that all their assets are properly invested, they will be wonderfully surprised at how well they sleep."

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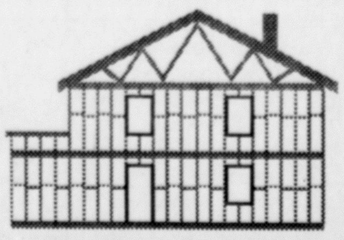

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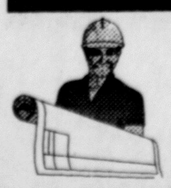

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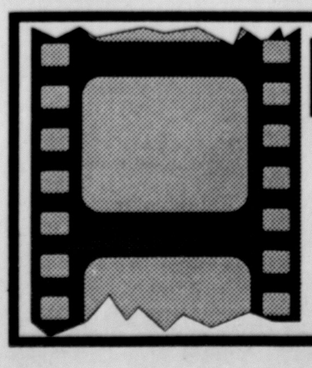

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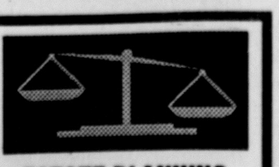

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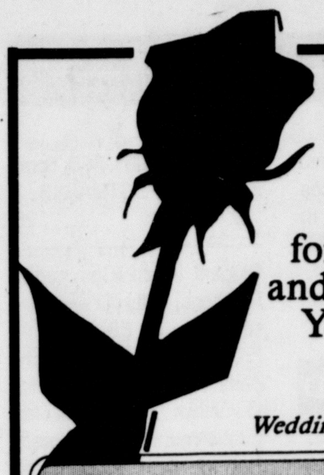

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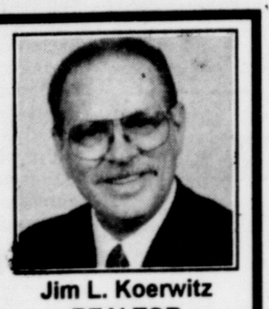

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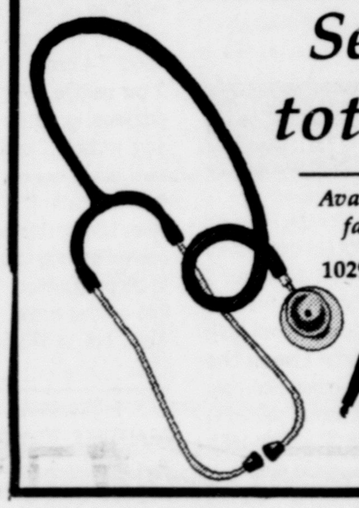

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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial:

City hall vandalism: somebody knows something

Thanks to a tip, youths responsible for a Dec. 28 break-in and theft of a speaker system from River City High School's gymnasium have been caught. Also found in their possession was equipment stolen in a previous break-in.

Whoever is responsible for the major vandalism of West Sacramento's city hall building on Stone Blvd. a year earlier has been far luckier. In that incident, suspects broke into the privately owned building (leased by the city) and turned on fire hoses in upstairs floors. The flooding that resulted seriously damaged the building – causing the need for removal of hazardous asbestos ceiling tiles – and left it unusable.

Landlords Frank Ramos and 'Buzz' Oates declared that the damage was fixable within six months, so under the terms of the contract city hall wasn't released from its lease. Insurance covered the major costs of finding other office space, but city hall was left with an obligation to return when the Stone Blvd. building was repaired.

Over a year later, the building remains unfixed. While it isn't perfectly clear whether the lease now allows West Sacramento to walk away from its rental agreement, it is certainly true that the city would prefer not to. Finding an office complex in West Sacramento to suit the needs of city hall until a permanent civic center is built is not easy, and city officials regard their new temporary offices on Halyard Dr. as an "interim" solution at best. They had hoped to move back into the Stone Blvd. site before the holidays in December.

Needless to say, the costs of the Stone Blvd. vandalism spree have been great, despite insurance (and who ultimately pays for the insurance?). A large number of city employees, salaried by taxpayers, were disrupted by the move and sidetracked from their jobs serving the public.

Despite major publicity in the regional media following the break-in, though, no one has yet been charged with the crime. That's just a little bit surprising; someone out there knows who broke into city hall bent on destruction, and someone is just a phone call away from justice.

Just a phone call away. . .

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Letters to the Editor

(Editor's Note: River City High School's student newspaper, the Review, is published as a supplement to the News-Ledger as a community service every month during the school year. Its most recent edition is included in this issue of the News-Ledger.)

Kudos to RCHS student newspaper

For the first time, I recently read your paper with the River City High School publication insert, *The Review*. This letter is to commend both your editors and readers for supporting such a comprehensive student newspaper.

The amount of news, feature items and general interest articles, along with the images in a precise layout, demonstrates the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm required for such a campus newspaper. As the yearbook advisor and the newsletter editor for two of our own Hiram Johnson High School West Campus publications, I can understand what pupil business and technical skills are needed for creating a worthy school paper.

Our own *West Campus Warrior* newsletter has just published its initial printing. I anticipate that we will continue to look at the *News-Ledger* and the RCHS pupil publication as an example of how to provide a service for the school and surrounding community.

Finally, it was not surprising to see a former student of mine (from when I was instructing elementary school) on the staff of *The Review*. Even five years ago, Daniel Wilson was already demonstrating his fine craft for both writing and computer skills. Well done, Daniel, and kudos to both the staff of *The Review*, as well as the *News-Ledger* editors for allowing the students to reach a wider audience.

CHRISTOPHER R. BARRY
Teacher, Hiram W. Johnson
High School West Campus

College financial aid information

On Wednesday, January 24th, I attended a training session for volunteers to assist high school seniors in filling out applications for college financial aid. The training session was organized by State Senator Deborah Ortiz and presented by Kim Taylor of the California Student Aid Commission. As the session began I noticed that there were only two other persons from West Sacramento attending.

During a break, I shared my concerns with Senator Ortiz regarding the lack of a West Sacramento presence at this event. She said that her office had contacted a West Sacramento city council member and had informed him of the training session.

On Thursday, January 25th, I contacted the Superintendent of the Washington Unified School District and the principal of River City High School to find out why this information was not shared with the parents and students of our district. It appears that this information was not given to the superintendent or principal.

This stands as another example of the lack of cooperation between the city council and the district, and almost a missed opportunity for our students. Stop appointing commissions whole only purpose is to blame, regurgitate information, which is news to no one, and double-speak at best. There is a time and place for political posturing, but not on the backs of those for whom we allege concern. The student population of this city is growing and the time for long-term planning between the city and the school district is long overdue. The two entities may have separate jurisdictions, but many of their goals are identical, or at least should be.

For the seniors at River City High School and their parents who are interested, the Cal Grant workshop to assist students in filling out the forms for financial assistance will be held Saturday, February 10th, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of Sacramento, 1117 G Street, Sacramento. To participate in this workshop, call (916)961-1482 to reserve a spot. When you call this number, you will be mailed a Cal Grant financial aid checklist, which outlines the information needed to complete the application. Please allow one to two hours to attend. I was told interpreters for a variety of languages would be present.

I brought approximately 100 flyers to our district and have been assured by the superintendent that sufficient additional copies will be reproduced to meet the needs of our high school seniors. I also want to thank Patrick Campbell, Kelly Wesley and Mort Geivett for getting this information to our seniors.

EDWARD R. HOCKING
West Sacramento

Public notices

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 12, 2001
File No. 2001-048

The following person is doing business as PASSPORT CLASSIC COFFEE, 865 S. Figueroa St., Suite 2400, Los Angeles, CA 90017:

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/s/James Beckman, President of Voting Member

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/s/Troy Turner

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The following person is doing business as Kirkcudbright Farm, 13250 County Road 99B, Woodland CA 95695:

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The following person is doing business as Arnez; Arnez Refinishing; Arnez Electro-Finishing, Inc., 752 Northport Dr., Ste. F, W. Sacto., CA 95691.

John K. Archuleta, 612 Walnut St., W. Sacto., CA 95691

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/s/John K. Archuleta, President
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The following person is doing business as Winter Creek Gardens, 2815 Rumsey Canyon Rd., Rumsey CA 95679:

Celso Jacobo, 2815 Rumsey Canyon Rd., Rumsey CA 95679; Sergio Jacobo, 16760 Cleveland St., Guinda CA 95637.

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/s/Celso E. Jacobo
/s/Sergio Jacobo

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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File No. 2001-022

The following person is doing business as New Mountain; New Mountain Media Group, 839 Lincoln Ave. #615, Woodland CA 95695:

Alan M. Storey, same address.

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/s/Alan M. Storey

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The following person is doing business as The Davis Shoppers Guide, 1260 Lake Blvd. #219, Davis, CA 95616:

Keith A. Rude, 1305 Madrone Place, Davis, CA 95616.

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/s/Keith A. Rude

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 11, 2001
File No. 2001-041

The following person is doing business as Nutrition Plus, 5042 Glide Dr. #12, Davis, CA 95616:

Jay Harvey Segal, same address.

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/s/Jay H. Segal

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 3, 2001
File No. 2001-010

The following person is doing business as Construction Preliens & Paperwork, 29250 County Road 12A, Zamora, CA 95698:

Jordi Grant, same address.

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/s/Jordi Grant

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 3, 2001
File No. 2001-011

The following person is doing business as Construction Industry Products, 29250 County Road 12A, Zamora, CA 95698:

Robert D. Grant, same address.

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/s/Robert D. Grant

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 18, 2001
File No. 2001-58

The following person is doing business as Advanced Auto Repair & Towing; Advanced Towing, 965 Olive Dr. Suite D, Davis, CA 95616:

Davis Auto Repair Inc., same address, incorp. in CA 1982.

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/s/Randall Ross, Secretary
Davis Auto Repair Inc.

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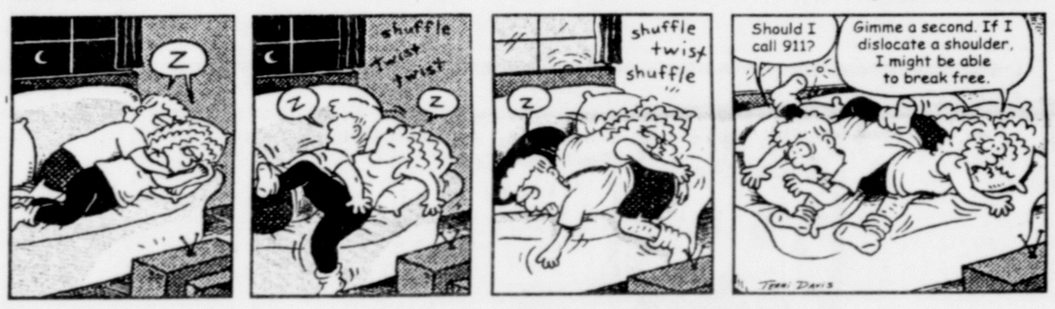

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15 Mamas & Papas hit
16 "Golden Boy" dramatist
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19 Turns about
24 Portrait painter Peter
25 Is in debt
30 Taj town
32 G-sharp's keymate
33 Chow
34 Creepy Christopher
35 Stuck fast
36 Munich mister
37 Kindergarten item
38 Defeat
39 Affirmative vote
42 Sacred image
43 That's the spirit
44 Make tea
45 Worth or Papas
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48 Damp and chilly
50 Cleaned a carp
51 Schwarzenegger's birthplace
53 Cabernet color
57 Voice type
58 It's run of the mill?
59 Nullify
60 Tokyo, once
64 Power unit
66 Wayfarer's whistle wetter
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68 Earphones
69 Propel with a pole
70 Entertainer Kazan
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74 Third degree?
75 Panel of peers
77 SHAEF commander
78 Letters of credit?
79 Johnny Horton hit
80 WWII unit
81 Dock of the bay
84 Put the whammy on
85 Galileo's birthplace
87 Heidi's hangout
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90 Nocturnal visitor
92 Subway unit
95 Merit
97 It's a long story
98 Caustic
99 Conversation pieces?
100 Gleam
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103 Excludes
106 Smith or Sandler
108 ER exclamation
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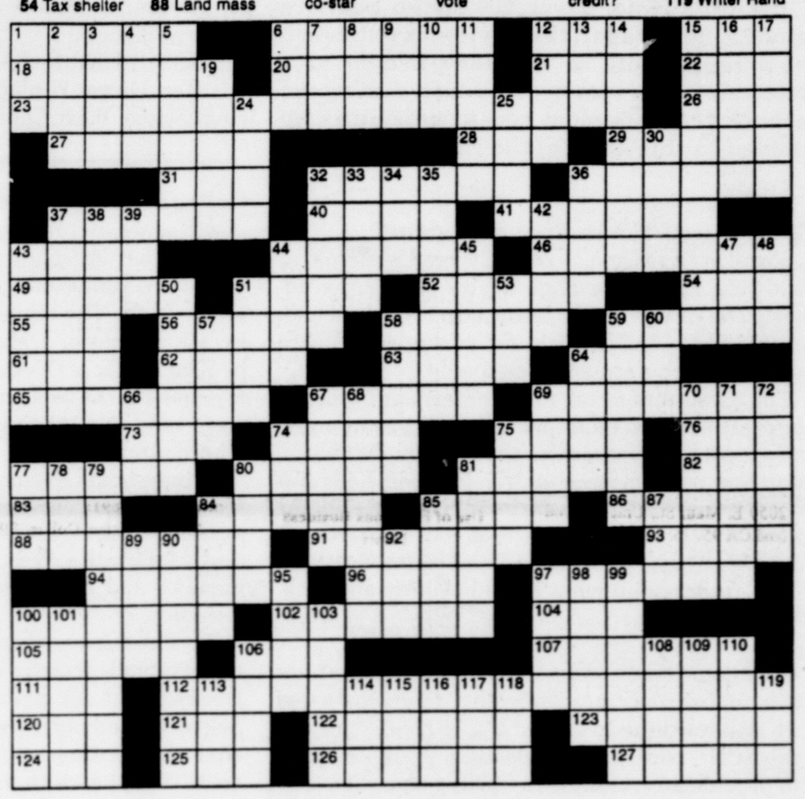

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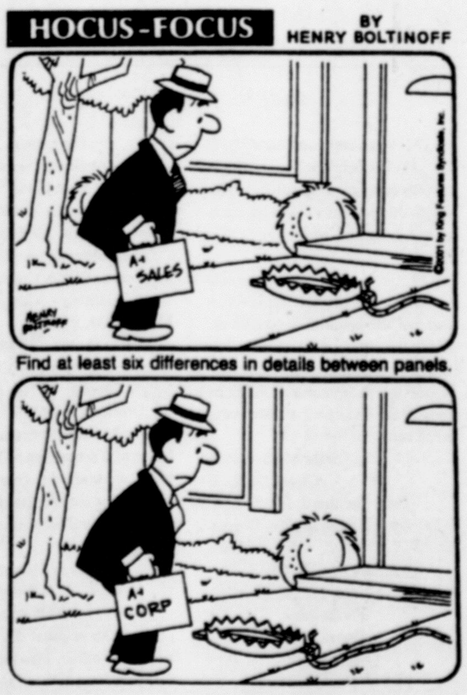
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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By L.O. Long Islander

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 3, 2001
File No. 2001-008

The following person is doing business as MARR CELLARS, 1013 Barnes Circle, Woodland CA 95776 :

Robert P. Marr dba Marr Cellars, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/3.

/s/Robert P. Marr

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by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 10, 2001
File No. 2001-37

The following person is doing business as S.T. Construction, 2050 E. Main St., Unit J, Woodland CA 95776:

Sergio Tejeda, 875 Walker St., Woodland CA 95776.

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/s/Sergio Tejeda

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/s/Victoria Barnes, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 11, 2001
File No. 2001-43

The following person is doing business as Virtual Assistant Available, 1016 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Marilyn Jane Gillock, same address.

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/s/Marilyn Jane Gillock

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec Jan 3, 2001
File No. 2001-009

The following person is doing business as Untouchable Entertainment, 101 Russell Blvd. #12, Davis CA 95616:

Philip A. Drummond, same address.

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/s/Philip A. Drummond

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
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On February 7, 2001 at 9:00 AM, LoneStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded November 17, 1993, as Instrument No. 037611, in book 2572, page 68, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California. Executed by Sharron C. Edwards, an unmarried man Will Sell at Public Auction to Highest Bidder for Cash, Cashier's check/Cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the main entrance to the City Hall, 2101 Stone Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust. APN# 046-293-041
The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2939 Spruce Way West Sacramento California 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: $110,794.95
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINSTER ESTATE OF MARY F. STRASSER
PB01-17

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY F. STRASSER:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Darlene Dione West in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Darlene Dione West be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 14, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 5, Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 725 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
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Martinez & Kaminski
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINSTER ESTATE OF MINNIE C. PERRY
PB 01-14

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Minnie C. Perry:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Merrill A. Frankel in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Merrill A. Frankel be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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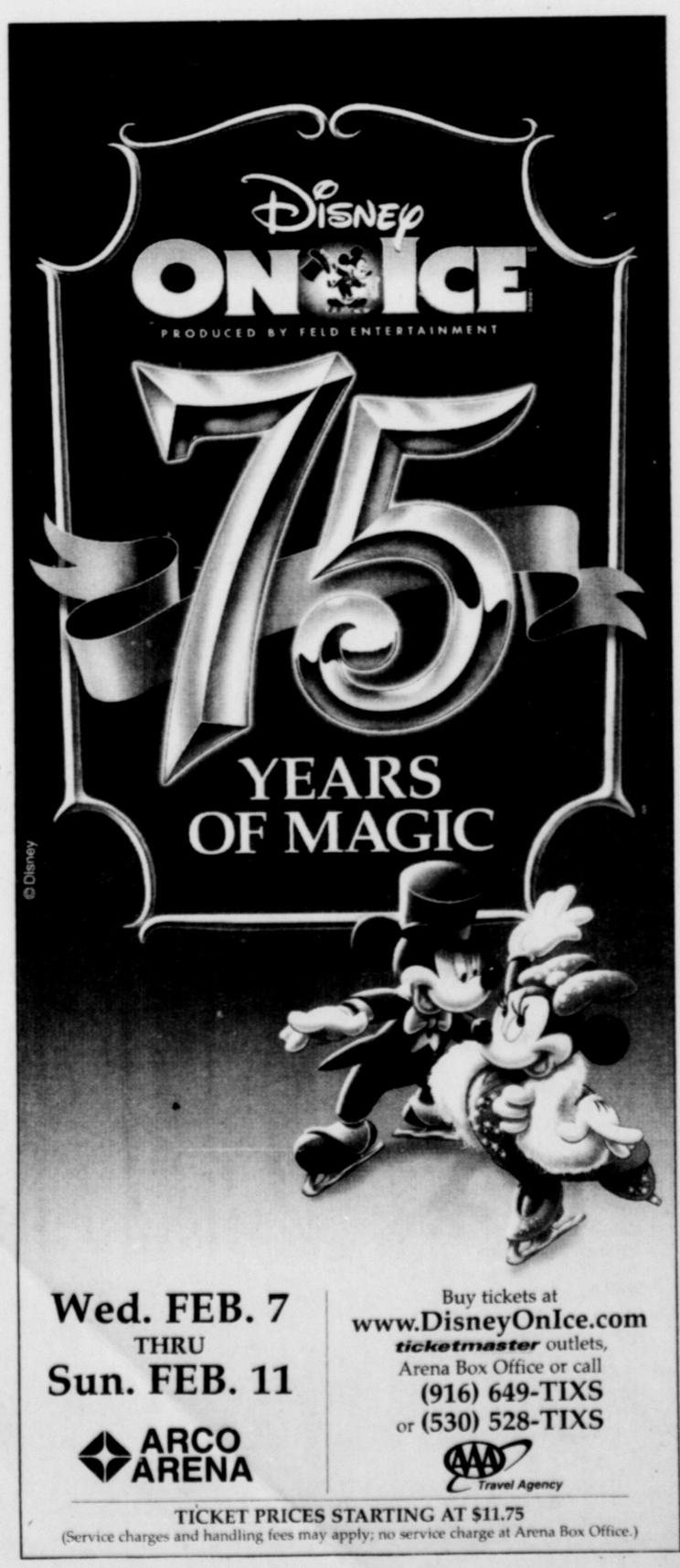

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Local Scene

OLG registration

Registration for 2001-2001 kindergartners at Our Lady of Grace School will take place at 7 p.m. at the school library on Thurs., Feb. 8. Parents should bring the child's birth certificate (if applicable), health/immunization records and a $225 registration fee. For information, call 371-9416.

Holy Cross breakfast

Holy Cross Altar Society is planning a posole/pancake breakfast on Sun., Feb. 4, from 8-11:30 a.m. Posole breakfast is $4.50 for adults and $3 for kids under 12; pancake breakfast is $3.50 for adults and $3 for kids under 12. Location is 1321 Anna St.

VFW events

West Sacramento's VFW Post 8762 has scheduled a "big band dance & buffet" for Sat., Feb. 17, from 6-10 p.m., for $6 per person. A crab feed is scheduled for Sat., March 3, at $28 per person, and a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner is scheduled for Sat., March 17, with more details to follow. Call 371-7245 for more information.

Little League

West Sacramento Little League will hold tryouts for players age 8-12 on Sat., Feb. 3 and Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Memorial Park. Check in at least 15 minutes early. Late registration will also be accepted on these dates at 9 a.m. Call 744-1491 for more information.

American Legion ball

A meeting for parents and players interested in American Legion Baseball will be held at the River City High School library on Tues., Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. Call Carla Marquez, 372-6906, for information.

Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club of Sacramento will hold a "Day on the French Riviera" fundraiser on Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. Cards & game day will be at the Universalist Society Auditorium, 2425 Sierra Blvd., and will include bridge, pinochle, bingo and yahtzee. Food and other items will be sold. Reservations are required for the 11:30 luncheon, cost is $15. Call 487-8427 by Feb. 14. The philanthropy benefits the Children's Receiving Home.

Interfaith group

A new West Sacramento Interfaith group will hold the first of its planned monthly meetings for religious leaders on Friday, Feb. 2, at noon at the Center for Spiritual Awareness, 1020 West Capitol Ave. Call 374-9177 or 371-8804 for information.

Crab Feed

Holy Cross School is hosting its annual crab feed on Sat., Feb. 17, from 6 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are $25. Call 371-1313 to purchase tickets.

Moose Lodge

The Women of the Moose Lodge will hold a Sweet Heart Dinner/Dance beginning at 7 p.m. on Feb. 3. Donation is $10. Dancing begins at 8 p.m. to music by Ellen and Larry DeLeon. On Feb. 9, the lodge will hold a Western Nite Dinner/Dance, with steak dinner for $8 beginning at 7 p.m. Cover charge (waived with dinner purchase) for dancing is $5. Call 371-5430 or 371-9684 for information.

Academic Decathlon

Volunteers are needed to help run the county schools' department's "Academic Decathlon" on Saturday in Woodland. River City High School will be among the local schools competing. If you can help, call Gayle McLevich at (530) 668-3710.

Scholarships

State Sen. Deborah Ortiz invites local students and their families to learn more about how to apply for a Cal Grant scholarship for college, at a workshop from 8:30-5 on Sat., Feb. 10, at the Boys and Girls Club, 1117 G St., Sacramento. Call 961-1482 to reserve a spot.

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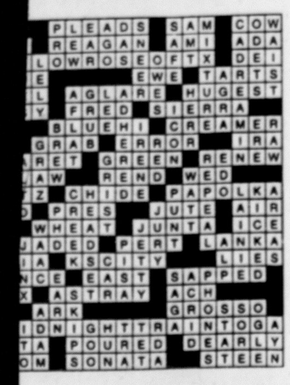

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The Review

Inside: Students and parents respond to body piercing

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Updates and Briefs

Multiculture Club plans trip to mountains

The River City Multiculture Club raised money in the fall for the spring snow trip.

"We are waiting for another storm that will bring more snow," Ms. Cochrane, the club's advisor said. The 50 members of the club will be going to the mountains for the day.

By Valeriy Kesov

Blood drive planned for February

River City will hold a blood drive on February 22. Students can donate blood if they are sixteen years of age or older and have their parent's permission. "Sign-ups will be held one week prior to to the blood drive," stated Coty Marshall, who is organizing the drive.

By Ivy Branaman

Department of Defense to explain ASVAB test scores

Juniors and seniors need to keep their ears open because the ASVAB test scores are in.

In February, a representative of the Department of Defense will come to our school and explain what the test scores mean, so make sure you listen to our morning announcements.

By Beverly Enos

Academic Decathalon to compete February 3

After a relaxing two weeks of vacation and a fun field trip to San Joaquin Delta College, the Academic Decathlon students are working very hard for the competition at Yuba Community College at Woodland on February 3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Spectators are cordially invited," said Mr. Sanborn. The super quiz competition will begin at 2 p.m.

Academic Decathlon is concentrating on the ten subjects they should know which include economics, art, famous artists, physiology, psychology,music, mathematics, poetry, science, and the novel *Frankenstein*.

By Liliana Reyes

One week program explores Russian-American issues

Lilya Sosina is a psychologist and a teacher from the Ukraine. She has been teaching Russian students about American ways for 17 years. Last week at River City Ms. Sosina presented a one-week program about Russian and American psychological issues, such as cultural relationships, dress, and language. She lectured students during first lunch, basically teaching them the American culture and how to succeed in the United States.

More than 50 students appeared every day to listen. Ms. Sosina used real-life examples and read true-life experiences.

By Manorma Umaria

Renaissance sends care packages

Renaissance finals care packages were given out the Friday before finals week. to inspire students to do well. They included a pen, pencil, Post-its and candy bar.

Gold Renaissance members also received a full sized stapler.

By Jesus Rivera

State will no longer match local funding for River City's new construction

By Olivia De Mars
Editor-in-Chief

A new gym, new cafeteria, and a new multi-purpose room were only some of the new things River City was going to receive with the Measure R school bond. Now River City, along with all the other schools in or district, and many others throughout the state, will not get money for new construction.

When Measure R was passed January 2, 1999, the citizens of West Sacramento agreed to help fund modernization and the new construction at River City High School. Our local funding was an estimated $7,400,000 and the state would then match our funds, totaling $14,800,000, which is the amount River City needed for new construction.

With this money River City planned to construct a new gymnasium with locker rooms, modernize our existing gym and locker rooms, change the cafeteria to the library, construct a new cafeteria/auditorium with a kitchen, and construct 16 new classrooms (removing four existing portable classrooms).

However, on January 2, 2001, because of a successful lawsuit filed by the Los Angeles School District, the State Allocation Board almost certainly took away River City's state funding to match those generated through Measure R. "This means that River City undoubtedly will no longer receive funding from the state for our new gymnasium, cafeteria, or other classrooms that we planned on putting in," explained Mr. Geivett. "We will only receive state money for modernization and improving existing buildings at our school."

On January 4, the school board met to discuss the changes and explain to those in attendance the new criteria for receiving state funding. Before the change in rules, a school had to find a piece of land to build on, pass a bond measure within the community, and then go to the state for their part of the funding.

The Los Angeles Unified School District could not find a piece of land to build on and they felt that they would not get their fair share of the money, so they sued the state to change the criteria for applying for state funding. Now, each school or school district must qualify through priority points. A school's priority points will determine when and if it will receive funding for new construction.

> *"It is truly unfortunate for students, staff, and community that we can't follow through with the new contruction as hoped."*
> *~Mr. Geivett*

River City High School is not ranked very high on the priority point list. In fact, River City has a very slim chance of qualifying for state funding through Proposition 1 A, a proposition that gave the state billions of dollars to give to schools throughout California. It is likely that the money that the state is giving out will be gone by the time River City is close to the head of the line. "Basically it's a long waiting list," said Mr. Watkins.

The school board has not made a decision as to what will happen next. They are tossing around ideas given to them by the community and administrators and will make a decision within the next month or so. They are considering putting out another bond for a new school.

"We have the need, the building site, and the funding commitment from our community," said Mr. Geivett. "We just don't have the matching funds from the state to make all of our plans a reality. It is truly unfortunate for students, staff, and community that we can't follow through with the new construction as hoped."

As for the modernization part of things, "the money is there," stated Mr. Geivett. "It's just a matter of when we want to start making the changes to our school."

River City will still receive $3,880,243 from state funding for modernization to add to the $1,036,872 in bond funds. With this modernization money River city will invest in putting in a new air and heating units in all classrooms, new carpet, new tack board on the walls, new ceilings, and new roofing.

"At least we're getting something out of Measure R," commented senior Khounthavy Montry. "I won't be around to see it but the younger kids will."

As a matter of fact, Khounthavy as well as many other River City students is seeing the first stage of the modernization that is taking place beyond the 60's wing where three portable classrooms are being put in to house students when their classrooms are being modernized.

Modernization is scheduled to begin this summer and when the process is complete the three portable classrooms will remain to help with River City's growing numbers.

Teachers' salary increase ratified

By Ivy Branaman
Features Editor

Monday, January 29 teachers ratified a 7.2% raise. The signing brought an end to nearly five months of heated arguments between teachers and the Washington Unified School District Board of Education. The board ratified the proposal January 25.

"The [Washington Unified School] District needs to be competitive with other school districts. If we're not, teachers won't come or stay here," stated District Superintendent Patrick Campbell.

Governor Gray Davis agrees and on May 11, 2000, he signed a bill that allotted $1.8 billion state dollars for education, including teacher salary increases. Washington Unified School District (WUSD) was given $1.8 million from the state funds.

Between July and September the district and Washington Teachers Association (WTA) met three times to negotiate, and a 6.5% salary increase was agreed on by the district and WTA during those meetings. However, former Superintendent Dennis Kelleher gave union negotiators an incorrect figure that they used to complete the new salary schedule.

On September 14, 2000, a tentative agreement between WTA and the board was ratified by WTA membership. However, after ratification the board discovered the error that was made in calculating the new salaries. They found that the actual increase amounted to 7.85%.

The board then turned down the tentative agreement so that they could re-open negotiations. On January 18, 2001, the board countered the union's proposal with a 7.2% salary increase.

In the midst of much anger and misunderstanding among teachers and board members, teachers and even a few students donned WTA buttons or carried make-shift signs. Unfounded rumors of striking teachers sent some students calculating how many days off that might possibly be and made others angry.

Referring to the cancelled Dickens Tea Party in December, sophomore Coty Marshall said, "I don't think they should have taken things away from the students. It's their battle, not ours." It was the consensus of English teachers that if they weren't appreciated by their employers then they weren't going to spend their extra time and extra money on the tea party.

While some students supported the teachers, many are represented by Jeremiah Hunt's statement regarding the issue: "I couldn't care less."

The Asian Culture Club's International Day brought a variety of traditional culture to River City. A fashion show gave students the oppurtunity to show off clothes from different countries. Pictured (from left) are first place winners Angel Quintero and Yuvona Gonzalez with Nancy Hernandez and Omar Quintero who tied for third place.

Crush grams to go on sale February 5

By Jesus Rivera
Staff Writer

Attention all. Seniors will be selling crush grams in the middle of the quad to promote the Valentines dance to be held on Friday, February 16 (same day as the Battle of the Sexes rally) in the cafeteria for $4 with ASB sticker, $5 without.

Crush grams will be on sale two weeks before the event and will be a can of any flavor "Crush" soda decorated as a person.

Those who receive crush grams can find out who sent them for only $1, if the buyer didn't pay for insurance. Then it will cost $5 to reveal the sender. Crush grams will sell for $1.50 with insurance, $1 without.

This year the students are bringing back "Senior Sweethearts," at the dance, an old tradition that was lost here at River City.

New River City sound system stolen; thieves apprehended

By Olivia De Mars
Editor-in-Chief

On December 28, thirteen days after River City let out for winter break, two individuals broke into the gymnasium and took the new $4,000 sound system.

"We had a security system installed," confirmed Mr. Geivett. "The only problem is, it was in its final stages of installation. It was not up and running yet. We also chained the gym doors."

The two individuals that took the system broke into the gym through the ticket window, then kicked open the doors that led to the inside of the gymnasium. From there the two loaded up the sound system in the back of a custodian cart and exited the high school down toward the girl's softball diamond.

"The two individuals then went through the girl's dugout, then to the track," said Mr. Geivett. "They then drove around the track to the visiting side of the field, unloaded the equipment through a hole in the fence into an awaiting vehicle on the freeway and drove away."

The thieves didn't get too far because they were apprehended, thanks to some RC students.

All of the equipment was not recovered according to Mr. Geivett; however, some components were retrieved, as well as a speaker from the previous robbery.

G.S.A. hosts conference at RC

By Liliana Reyes
Staff Writer

On January 6 the Gay Straight Alliance hosted a conference in the River City library.

Two representatives from the Gay Straight Alliance Network led the conference of over 50 people from area high schools.

The two representatives came ready to educate attendees on how to create a safe school environment, and to educate the school community about homophobia .

River City's G.S.A. feels that some students need support. However, they would like to be activists to make it easier for students down the line.

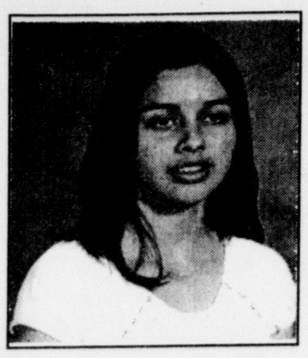
Gay Straight Alliance member Laura Vasi plans to " spread the word and hope people come." Although the membership count is confidential, it is " still growing" representatives said.

Retake of preceding frame.

Perspectives

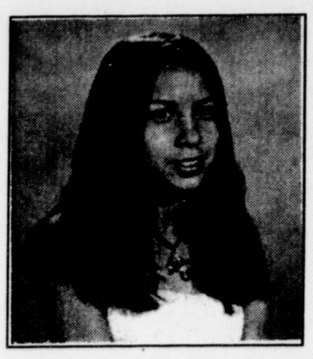
Question in the Quad

Often teenagers find themselves lying about something because they want or don't want to do something. So this month *The Review* asked students: What do you lie most about? Some of the answers were typical and others were just devious.



"I lie about the length of school hours because I get home late."

~Gisela Chavez
Freshman



"I lie about my age when I am on the phone with a guy that I just met."

~Christina Soto
Sophomore

"I don't lie. I just tell creative stories."

~Lee Jordan
Junior

"My age because I look a lot older than I really am."

~Bashar Ahmad
Senior

Senior Ebony Johnson organizes two Black History Month assemblies

By Shalini Sumeshwar
Staff Writer

In celebration of Black History Month River City will hold two separate assemblies dedicated to educating students about black history. Senior Ebony Johnson is organizing these assemblies to illustrate the diversity that is found at River City.

The first assembly on February 23 will focus on entertainment aspects of black history, and will feature a musical performance. On February 28, an assembly with even greater historical value will take place. The famous Tuskegee Airmen, the first Black air division who fought in WWII , will appear as guest speakers.

Ebony's crusade to illustrate the importance of black history doesn't end in February. She has created the first ever Black Student Union, at RC. With advisor Ms. Clark by her side, Ebony anticipates the club will become popular. The goal of the BSU is to encourage African-American students to explore options for success after graduating from high school. Ebony explained," At this point I only know of one [black] student who is planning on attending college after graduating—me." By joining BSU, students will have the opportunity to attend conventions and receive scholarships. They will receive advice in filling out financial aid applications and in picking and applying to colleges.

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—Our Voices—

Every New Year people acorss the nation set goals for the year that lies ahead of them. Most common is the goal to lose weight, but this year Review staffers had other goals in mind.

RC should resolve to get rid of ghetto image

The trite tradition of making resolutions is now in season. Women, men, and children alike, resolve to change. They vow to make something about themselves better. River City should make several. River City students should make one that will provide a long wanted change. Our school is under constant scrutiny from parents and other schools for being ghetto and its students criticized for being violent and obnoxious.

I would love to be able to believe that this is not true. However, in the last four months I can recall at least four physical fights, two almost physical fights, a campus littered with garbage with seagulls flocking to eat it, as well as an expensive sound system (that only students knew about) being stolen from the gym. I have also seen several cherry bombs set off in the hallways. The students at this school are so eager to resent their ghetto reputation and even more eager to embrace it with their actions.

If students try to solve their problems in a mature way rather than beating each other, they might begin erasing the atrocious reputation. If students walked the extra five feet to put their garbage in a garbage can, I wouldn't feel like a character in Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds* with seagulls attacking me at any corner. If students showed pride in their school and respect for laws, they would not steal expensive sound equipment. It is so disheartening to believe that my peers and I are deserving of our reputation.

River City students should resolve together to eradicate their ghetto reputation because it is not just a reputation, it is an unfortunate fact.

By Ivy Branaman

Resolutions aren't always good

So 2001 is finally here. It seems like we all just finished bringing in the year 2000 and just like that it passed us by. So with the beginning of the true millennium what are people saying that they are going to accomplish? Some people make what is known as a new year's resolution, which usually sounds something like, " I'll keep my room clean all year," or " I'll stop smoking." But does anyone ever keep those promises to themselves?

I'd say that maybe 98% of all people who make new year's resolution will not keep them. I don't see any point in making a promise to yourself if you know you can't keep it, especially if it concerns something really important such as health. I say that making a promise when you can't keep it is really stupid because if you can't trust yourself then how can you even think of making a promise to someone else? You're not only hurting yourself, but others are hurt as well.

My point is, don't make a promise to yourself or anyone else because you're more likely to fail if you do. If you don't promise yourself that you'll do something and just do it, chances are higher that you'll accomplish the things that you wanted to get done, and at least if you don't manage to get them all done, it's not as bad because you didn't make a promise to do them.

So new year's resolutions aren't always good, even if you really mean to do good when you say them. If you're going to make a promise, you'd better be ready to fulfill it or take the consequences when you don't, such as maybe losing a good friend, or hurting someone you love and causing them to never trust you again.

By Mindy Mather

I'm tired of being the most irresistible person at River City

I usually never make New Year's resolutions. This year I did. My New Year's resolution is to stop being so darn cute. I am so cute, it's not even funny. No matter what I am wearing, I cannot help but look so good. I can't help it if "attraction" is my middle name.

People are beginning to become jealous. I can feel the stone cold green eyes of envy staring me down as I walk through the halls of River City. So I just throw on my Gucci shades. As my hair remains picture perfect i stay fitted, flossing my Versache jackets and purses. From my sparkling platinum ice around my neck down to my Armani shoes, I remain fashionably correct with my Rolex shining bright, reflecting the star, which is me...then I wake up.

My New Year's resolution is to be the second most irrisistible person in this school. I'm tired of being first!

By Bernice Gamino

Commentaries:

Cosmetic surgery no way to fix teen body image

By Ivy Branaman
Features Editor

Many studies have been released that reveal what horrible body image teenage girls have of themselves. I've read them but never quite believed that girls could hate their own bodies that much. After hearing Jenna Franklin's story, however, I am convinced.

Fifteen-year-old Jenna Franklin of England hates her 34A breast size and has thought about breast enlargement since the age of twelve. In response, her parents agreed to pay for the breast enlargement for Jenna's upcoming sixteenth birthday. Her parents own a cosmetic surgery business. Neither Jenna's parents nor Jenna see anything wrong with cosmetic surgery.

She [Jenna Franklin] is young and is making decisions that will affect her for the rest of her life. Going under the knife isn't going to solve anything for Jenna Franklin.

The story is saddening. Nothing, however, makes me sadder than what she has told reporters. She commented that, "You've got to have breasts to be successful." She has also said, "I just want to be happy with my body."

I told my mom about it and she just shrugged it off as if it were normal for a fifteen-year-old girl to receive breast implants as a birthday present. There are probably many teenage girls in Beverly Hills who have wealthy parents who have paid for their daughter's plastic surgery. For the majority of us, however, the surgery is unaffordable and out of reach.

Speculating on the story led to me wonder why she hates her body so much. It may be that her parents own a cosmetic surgery business; Jenna has grown up with cosmetic surgery as part of her sense of normalcy. It may also be that she has grown up in a culture where a woman's breast size is sometimes more important than her IQ. It doesn't really matter, though.

What does matter is that surgery of any kind is a hazardous way to resolve teenage anxieties. She is young and is making a decision that will affect her for the rest of her life.

Going under the knife isn't going to solve anything for Jenna Franklin. I find it impossible to believe that she will be happy once her breasts are larger. She will never be happy with her body if she goes under the knife every time she feels insecure about one of her body parts. She still has three or four years left to grow; her body will change and so will she. Waiting until she is older would give her much more perspective andmaybe even self-esteem. Since I've read the story of Jenna Franklin, I've realized that some teenage girls really do hate their bodies. I just can't help but be grateful that I am not one of those girls.

Professional football players setting bad example for youth

By Olivia De Mars
Editor-in-Chief

The San Francisco football stadium is crowded with fans cheering on their home team. The players wait anxiously as the captains walk to the center of the field to see who will receive the opening kick-off. The Forty-Niners win and the captains run off to the sideline as the receiving team takes their position on the field.

The ball is kicked down inside the 25-yard line where a Forty-Niner receives the ball and runs up the field to the opposing team's 45-yard line where he is then tackled.

The man that tackled the Forty-Niner receiver then jumps up, patting himself on the chest, gesturing to the crowd and sideline that he did a great thing. He then runs off the field with his index finger in the air telling the fans that he is number one.

"They show off like they did something good," said Coach Baker, "when in fact they should have tackled the guy twenty yards sooner."

Showboating, as it is called, exists at the professional level of football. In college or in high school, if a football player is caught doing a victory dance, he is penalized for un-sportsmanlike conduct.

"I used to tell my players that when they scored a touchdown to act like they've done it before," said Coach Baker. "Then after scoring they should walk over to the referee, hand them the ball and run back to the huddle."

Coach Watkins agreed. "It should be a routine thing. Their gestures do not say anything about their abilities as an athlete," he said.

These professional players are only doing what they are being paid to do. It is their job to go out on the field and stop the opposing team from scoring or, on offense, to score. For example, if a police officer arrests a murder suspect he doesn't run around claiming to be number one. He just goes about his job in a professional manner.

If one referee put his foot down and started throwing flags when an athlete acted unprofessionally, then they would stop doing it. At this professional level, football is said to be "professional" as described in the title. Performing an act like spiking the ball in the endzone is not only disrespectful towards the other team, but uncalled for.

Grown men should have enough maturity to know how to act in public, espically in front of small children that look up to them. This is not the kind of sportsmanship that should be displayed to young kids.

Features

Gossip abounds at 'Rumor City'

By Ivy Branaman
Features Editor

A teen's high school years are filled with acne, forgotten boyfriends and girlfriends, bad hair cuts, and embarrassing grades. Most teens, however, also remember the vicious rumors that were spread about them or a friend. They may also remember that they, themselves, participated in the cycle of gossip. River City graduates may remember the nickname given to their high school: Rumor City.

No one seems to be sure who started it or when it was born, but the nickname has stuck.

"My brother told me about it before I came. He said, 'Beware!'"freshmen Lauren Heinz related. Lauren was one of the few freshmen who have previously heard of the nickname. Freshmen should be alert and learn from the stories of some upperclassmen.

Tammy Moncus transferred to River City as a sophomore. When she arrived students said she was a lesbian, and soon many other students had not only heard the rumor but chose to believe it. The rumor was not only hurtful but false. "It was a shock. It's not just a few people talking crap, it's everyone," Tammy said.

Ashley Buroff, a junior, recently transferred to River City and had a completely different experience. No one has yet to spread any rumors about Ashley. Some might tell her just how lucky she is and to be on watch because the rumors could spring on her at any moment.

"Word gets around this school fast," sophomore Michael Fonbuena stated. "Everybody knows everybody's business."

Although most students agree that Rumor City is a deserved nickname, they disagree on whether it is just this school or teenagers in general.

> *"Everybody knows everybody's business."*
>
> *~ Michael Fonbuena*

One sophomore vehemently noted that, "Things [the rumors] get extremely distorted. Our high school is exceptionally bad when it comes to spreading rumors. Some teachers participate in it. It is a vicious cycle that will never end."

Holly Valline, a senior, disagreed. "It is at every high school."

"It's a teenage thing," junior Shelley Tuttle remarked.

Both Holly and Shelley could use the movie *Clueless* to support their argument. Cher, the movie's main character, is at the mall when two guys hold her friend Ty above the railing and threaten to let her fall. Fortunately, their friend Christian intervened and Ty is unharmed. However, the next day at school the whole school seems to think they have an incredible amount of knowledge about the whole incident. Many students ask Cher if it was true that Ty was held at gunpoint and if the guys were gang members. Although their high school is fictional, it is an example of the situations that occur at River City.

Sophomore Meagan MacBride offered students some advice on the gossip that perpetually circulates at River City: "People should stay out of other people's business." The old adage "Easier said than done" would apply to this advice. *The National Enquirer* attests to America's love of gossip. The nickname Rumor City attests to River City students' perpetual gossiping. An embarrassing incident about a student is something that students flock to like vultures to dead carcasses.

"Every time you turn around, you hear something different about the same person," senior Kevin Clonce remarked. Bits of gossip buzz around the hallways like bees at River City. Students are as likely to say "Did you hear about. . ." as they are to say "The dog ate my homework."

"People have nothing better to do," junior Daniel Perez explained of why people gossip.

Chevilini Surat, also a junior, offered a different opinion "They want to spread rumors about other people so when the truth comes out about them, they won't look bad."

The only thing RC students seem to agree on is that the nickname Rumor City is accurate. Students never cease to enjoy a good tidbit of information about someone they know or know of.

Some students even feed on it and the yearbook long ago acknowledged these "biggest gossips" by giving them a spot in the yearbook. The nickname Rumor City doesn't appear to be fading into oblivion any time soon.

Tongue piercing popular among teenagers

By Bernice Gamino
Staff Writer

At River City High, we have a high percentage of students that have tongue piercings. Some may wonder just why anyone would want to get such a piercing? Wouldn't it hurt? Not all that much, according to senior Andrea Rabago who said, "Getting your ear pierced hurts more than getting your tongue pierced."

One of the most common questions that most adults ask is "How can your parents let you do such a thing?" After talking with students and some parents, it appears that most parents do not have a problem with their son or daughter having his or her tongue pierced.

> *"I would rather my teen get a piercing than get tattoos all over the place."*
>
> *~Lisa Valencia*

Lisa Valencia, parent of a teen with a piercing said, " To me it is just a way that my teen and other young adults choose to express themselves in their own unique way. I would rather my teen get a piercing than get tattoos all over the place. Another thing is that other individuals should not see them any differently, that what is important is their actions and their inner self."

Students who were interviewed wanted the piercing for all the same reasons such as it making them more attractive. Students mentioned that they are so tired of certain adults putting them down and pointing the finger at them; they think adults should realize that they are only young once!

Many things have been said about tongue piercings to scare people. Some of the false rumors about tongue piercings are that you will choke to death on your ball, if the piercer hits the wrong spot you can bleed to death, and that you cannot eat anything for two weeks straight. In fact, if anything, you would swallow your ball, not choke on it.

As far as bleeding to death is concerned, keep in mind that these piercers are professionals, and why would anyone in his or her right mind get a piercing that will keep them from eating for two weeks? Of course you can eat, but there are some hard foods you cannot eat for two weeks.

The best things to eat are Jell-O, pudding, chicken noodle soup, ice cream, rice, bread, and ravioli. Foods to avoid are hamburgers, spicy foods, bagels, chips, and chicken.

Some say your tongue will get infected and your tongue will have to be removed. It can, of course, get infected, but absolutely not if you are taking proper care of it, and tongue removal is never required.

Mr. Pina's office REACHes much of school

By Mindy Mather
Staff Writer

A lot of things that happen in this school come out of Mr. Pina's office. For example, the school has a Carl Perkins Grant, which provides money to support all of the industrial technology and electronics classes the school provides. There are 31 different courses that run in sequence with each other such as Metal Technology 1, 2, and 3, and Wood Technology 1, 2, and 3. These courses provide high school and college credit from Sacramento City College. "Right now, there are over 200 students enrolled in electronics classes starting from eighth grade at Golden State Middle School and up through high school," said Mr. Pina.

Mr. Pina's office also runs the academies. Each academy is designed for thirty students in each of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. The two main academies that the school has are the Engineering, Science, and Technology Academy and the Administration of Justice Pre-Law Academy. Eighty students are enrolled in the engineering academy and 36 students are enrolled in the pre-law academy.

Students that are enrolled in the academies and are on the red REACH path also go on field trips such as a fall trip to Yosemite. It took the engineering academy students nine hours to get there. They only spent five hours there, and they now want to raise enough funding to be able to go back and spend a day or two.

During their time there they visited Vernal Falls and Yosemite Falls. "They had to figure out the elevation heights and they got answers close to the actual height," Ms. Hines said.

She also added that some photography students went along on the trip to finish some photo assignments and they were able to get some great pictures.

College sports a lot tougher than sports in high school

By Lynne Laughlin
Guest Columnist

When I first started school at Sacramento City College I decided not to go out for their swim team. I didn't think I'd be good enough. Instead, I took an advanced swimming class three days a week, just to stay in shape. The college swim coach was my class instructor and she told me that they needed people for their swim team. They also needed people for their water polo team. I told her that I didn't think I was fast enough to be on the swim team, but I decided to give water polo a try. I had no idea what was in store for me.

> *Throughout my experience in college athletics, I've learned that hard work can be very rewarding.*

We began training in the summer. Four days a week we played water polo from six to eight in the morning. After that, we had weights for another hour. Exhausted, I'd go home and sleep until lunch. At the same time, I was also swimming for the West Sacramento Dolphins. I had no idea that I could improve my swimming any more than I had done in high school. I was very wrong. I was dropping seconds off all my times in every stroke. I was actually getting better! When polo season started, I found myself wanting to do more, and more we did.

Aside from practice two and a half hours, six days a week, we also had to lift weights three days a week, and attend an advanced swimming class for one hour before practice, three days a week. We were also required to be full-time students taking at least twelve units, nine of which were required to be academic. On Tuesdays and Thursdays I'd be at school from 6:30 AM to 7:15 PM, with an hour and a half break between practice and my English 1a class. The real work, came when the season officially started. Our first game was actually two. It was a one-day tournament just to see how each team was performing. After our second game, which we barely survived, our coach said, "Okay ladies, let's go to the weight room. We're going to max out today!" That was nothing compared to what lay ahead of us.

We had two games a week. One every Wednesday and one every Friday. Before each game, we had swim class for an hour and then practice for an hour to an hour and a half after that. After the game, there was more practice. On Fridays after our games, we would have to do a swimming exercise called the VO2 Max, which basically sees how long a person can swim their fastest. That only lasted a half-hour. Our usual length of time spent in the pool on game days was about four to five hours, and sometimes more than that if we'd had a bad game. The aches and pains we endured were what our coach called "mild discomfort". All together, I think I did about three times as much as I had done in high school.

Throughout my experience in college athletics, I've learned that hard work can be very rewarding. I feel good about myself and I can do more things than other people can. I like seeing how far my body can go, and how much my body and mind together can accomplish. I don't feel as limited as I used to. I even got all A's, one B, and a C (in my art class). This season, I'm going to be on the swim team.

Officer Barcenas assists with RC's Administration of Justice Academy

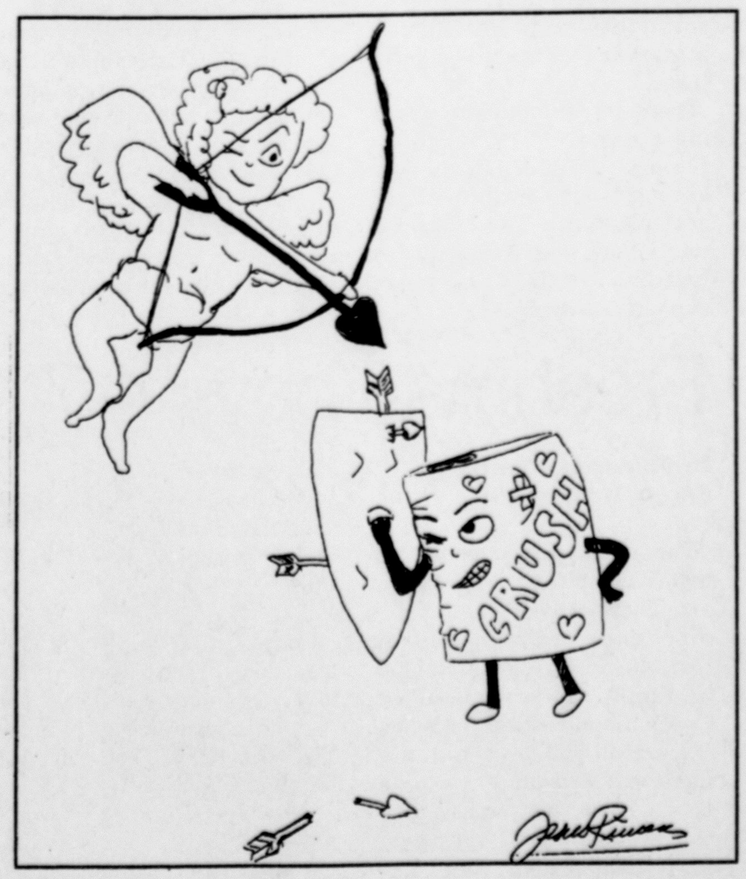
By Esthela Duran
Staff Writer

"The students and I are sharing knowledge and knowledge is power," said Officer Juan Barcenas when asked about his duty with the AJ Academy class. Aside from his everyday duties as a police officer, he is now team teaching the class with Mr. O'Connor. To Officer Barcenas, team teaching is something new; however, Officer Barcenas has worked with students in the past, and brings much experience to the assignment.

Officer Barcenas has been in law enforcement for 26 years, including 11 years with the Yolo County Sheriff's department. In 1987, he was one of 13 officers who initiated the West Sacramento Police Department. Officer Barcenas has degrees in law and law enforcement. He has worked with students in schools on and off for five years.

Although this is the first time Officer Barcenas has taught a class, he said that the fact that Mr. O'Connor is there makes it easier.

Even though Officer Barcenas has only been in the classroom for two weeks, he believes the atmosphere is very positive and the students feel comfortable around him. "The reason I enjoy teaching these kids is because I think that kids should know their rights," he said.



Piece of Mind plays at games

By Vanesa Rosales
Staff Writer

Rock and roll at a basketball game! That's right, at the girl's basketball games the rock band Piece of Mind shows its stuff. The band has three members: sophomore Robert Miller, bass; junior Silas Zdybel, drums; and freshman Nahem Zdybel, lead guitar.

So, how did Piece of Mind get their Gig? Ms. Greenwood, the band teacher, recommended them. How did Piece of Mind come up with this name? Robert said, "We experimented with a bunch of different names like Sushi Porn Stars. Then Silas just came up with Piece of Mind."

Sports and Activities

Girls varsity looks to break school record

By Ivy Branaman
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A month ago varsity girls' basketball coach Jamie King said that a December game against Sac Waldorf marked a turning point in the season; he was right. The team worked past a rough start, pulled together as a team, and earned an overall 8-11 record.

"If we win three more games, we'll break the school record for most wins," Coach King humbly commented. The team has lost league games against Dixon, Vanden, Colfax, San Juan and Marysville. They were victorious against Lindhurst, Golden Sierra and Lincoln. Their January 23 loss to Lincoln was a close game that was lost by only three points.

"They [Lincoln] are the second placed team in the district. The girls played tremendously hard. I was proud of the way they played; they fought the whole game," said Coach King

The team consists of only ten members, one of whom has been injured. Senior team member Jennifer Gabourie recently sprained her ankle, but is hoping to play again as early as January 29.

Coach King strongly believes that the girls should give back to their community; all ten team members coach basketball teams for West Sacramento Parks & Recreation. They are required to fulfill these obligations to stay on the team.

"I think it's good; we're getting involved with our community and kids, too," said junior team member Veronica Maldonado.

Playoffs loom in the distance and for this team, getting there is attainable.

"We have a good shot at playoffs if we steal a few games we're not supposed to. We can pull it off and get there," sophomore team member Leanne Briggs said.

Senior team member Jennifer Gabourie agreed that playoffs are possible if "we start believing in ourselves. We need to stop saying 'should've, could've, would've' and do it. We each bring a special talent to the team. Some of us can shoot, some of us can drive."

Before the team gets to playoffs they will have to "steal a few games." Even if they don't get there, they've surpassed many people's expectations.

RC wrestlers go 2-2 in league; two novice wrestlers place in Del Oro Invitational Tournament

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Starting league on January 3, the River City wrestling team faced its first opponent, the Lindhurst Blazers.

The Raiders were down by six after Kurt Boudakapher and Alex Lapuga were pinned by their adversaries, but Ryan Fiddler came through in his match beating his opponent 5-3. Bryon Groesbeck wrestled next, getting pinned in the third round. Justin Hunt, Alex Lokteff, A.J. Sauecedo and John Frank each wrestled, pinning their opponents keeping them out of the third round. Steve Engle got pinned in his match against his Lindhurst rival and Jeff Hope lost in the third round due to points. Jeremiah Hunt took out his opponent with a pin and Cody Smith lost by getting pinned. Michael De Mars pinned his opponent in the first few seconds of the first round, but it wasn't enough for a team win.

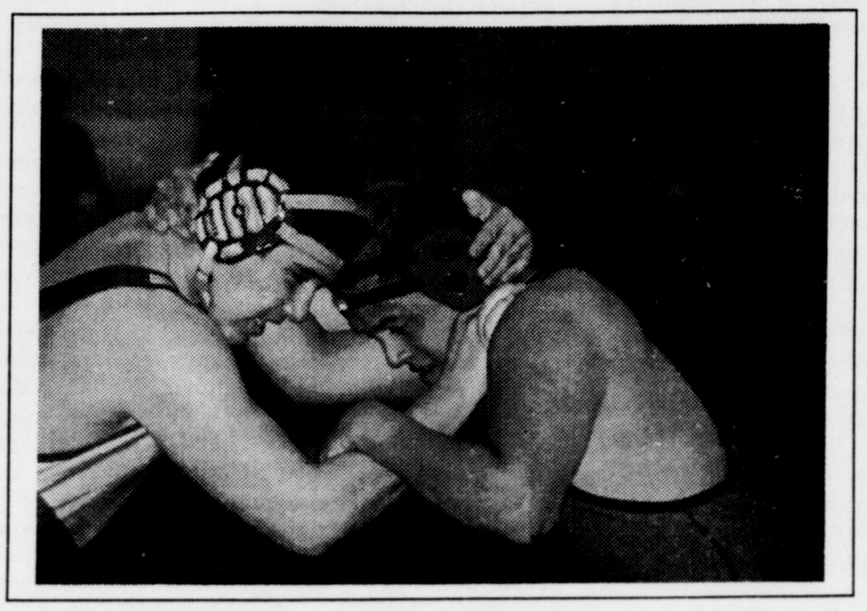
In their next match against the Marysville Indians the j.v. squad took the mat first. Alex Lokteff wrestled first but lost 6-7 in the third round. Michael De Mars and A.J. Saucedo won their matches due to forfeits. When the varsity wrestlers took the mat it was a different story. With only three losses and eight wins the Raiders brought home their first league win, 49-24.

The Raiders won their next league match against the Lincoln Zebras, 40-28. Pins from Alton Pagenkophf, Justin Hunt, Jeremiah Hunt, Cody Smith and Michael De Mars, and Bryon Groesbeck's win on points, led the team to their victory.

The RC wrestlers last league match was against the Dixon Rams. The Raiders were short on varsity wrestlers and lost by two points, 39-37.

"We could have beaten them," stated Jeff Hope, first year varsity wrestler. "A few of our wrestlers were out sick or couldn't wrestle for some reason or another. If we wrestled their team again, we would beat them," he concluded.

In the Del Oro Invitational Tournament last Saturday, two of River City's novice wrestlers placed in their weight division. Alton Pagenkophf won two and lost two of his matches but due to the bracket order Alton took fifth place, and brought home a copper medal. Michael De Mars was placed in the 217 B bracket with 15 other wrestlers. In Michael's first match he pinned his opponent in the second round. He went on to wrestle two more wrestlers that he pinned in the first round. In Michael's championship match against a wrestler from Placerville, he pinned his opponent in the first round, giving him the gold.



Cody Smith puts a move on a heavyweight wrestler from Lincoln.
Photo by Christina Soto

Varsity boys basketball kill Dixon Rams 66-55

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Boys varsity basketball started league January 2 in a game against Dixon High School. The Raiders were left in the dust from the start of the game and by the half the Raiders were down by more than 15 points. They fought to shorten the Rams lead but their battle proved futile, and the Dixon Rams pulled away with a win.

In their next league game against the Vanden Vikings the Raiders couldn't pull together to get a win, and did the same in their next non-league against Capital Christian, when the two teams kept neck and neck the whole game. The deciding moment came in the final seconds when Capital Christian pulled away and won.

"We kept the score close throughout the game," explained sophomore forward Jason De Mars, "but when it came down to it, Capital Christian just wanted it more."

The Raiders then went on to lose two more league games against Golden Sierra and Colfax, respectively. However, the Raiders' non-league game against the San Juan Spartans was not in anyone's favor. At the end of the first quarter the Raiders trailed the Spartans 13-7. The Raiders came alive in the second quarter and scored 15 points to the Spartans' eight, going into halftime leading 22-21. Coming back from half-time the Spartans kept the lead and ended the third quarter 33-31. Then with 17.7 seconds left in the final quarter Roy Butz tied up the game. With 5.6 seconds on the clock the Spartans took the ball down the court, hit a three-pointer, and the Spartans won by three.

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The Raiders had their first win in league against the Lindhurst Blazers on January 10. In front of their home crowd, the Raiders had countless scoring opportunities and taking advantage of that they got their first league win under their belt.

After their win the Raiders faced two more league opponents, Marysville and Lincoln, only to lose to both.

"We are 1-7 in league," confirmed Coach West. "Four of the six, we lost close games. We are improving and playing hard, but winning games at crunch time is something that is learned. You have to do it a few times to know and understand the emotions and experience it. Inexperience at the varsity level is still something the team is going through. Basketball has to be played in actual games with real pressure and some of us are going through these things for the first time."

The Raiders played their most recent game against the Dixon Rams at home last Friday night. The Raiders had home court advantage and their hometown crowd cheering them on as the Raiders leapt to a 10-0 lead within the first few minutes of the game. Sinking shot after shot the Raiders pulled even further away from the Rams.

After halftime the Raiders came back on the court pumped up, and held onto their lead throughout the remainder of the game and beat Dixon, 66-55.

River City j.v. boys b-ball team now 5-3 in league

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"It is a good sign. We are getting better and better," said Coach Dennis. The j.v basketball coach was referring to the recent game against Dixon, which was their first game in the Golden Empire League (G.E.L). The j.v boys left Dixon with a victory. The score was 68-61. "The boys played hard. At half time we were down 14 points, but they came through," said Coach Dennis. On January 4, the boys played Vanden, at home, and were defeated 73-51. "Well, Vanden is the best team in our league," said Coach Dennis.

On January 5, the j.v boys played against Capitol Christian and they had another victory, 51-46, but they lost against Golden Sierra, 61-52.

However, victory was just around the corner on January 10, when they beat Colfax and victory was theirs one more time. Sophomores Paul Holcomb scored 29 points, Elvis Hernandez scored 17 points, and Tim Pittman scored 11 points.

One of the highlights of the [Lincoln] game, according to Coach Dennis, was sophomore Tony Molina who made nine out of ten free throws in the second half.

On January 12 the boys did it again, defeating San Juan 58-51, with Paul Holcomb scoring 26 points.

"I think the hardest team we'll be playing is Marysville," said Coach Dennis, and on January 20, the j.v boys lost to Marysville at an away game, 69-53. "We played a good first half. We were only down six points, but we didn't play a good third quarter," said Coach Dennis.

On January 24, the j.v. boys beat Lincoln, 59-48. One of the highlights of the game, according to Coach Dennis, was sophomore Tony Molina who made nine out of ten free throws in the second half. Tony also scored 11 points in the second half and left Lincoln with 13 points total. In addition, Tim Pittman scored 14 points and Paul Holcomb scored 13.

The j.v. boys basketball team is 5-3 in the Golden Empire League and 9-8 overall. They face Union Mine on January 30 at home, and Mesa Verde on February 2 in an away game.

They will also be playing at Vanden on February 7, and Lindhurst on February 9, and both games will be away.

Freshman boys 4-7

By Manorma Umaria
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The freshman boys basketball team has been doing an excellent job. They are working hard in every game, according to their coach David J. Sidhu. Asked how he thinks the season will go, Coach Sidhu replied, " I believe the season will go well. I don't base my seasons on wins or losses. I base them on how much we have improved. If my players have learned well, then I have had a successful season."

The boys have played seven games, and have won four. Mr. Sidhu has coached for a very long time. "Just ask Coach Baker," he said.

Coach Sidhu said he is very pleased with the players he has. "They are very coachable and they have given me nothing but their best effort. You can't ask for more than that."

The freshman players would like it if RC students would come out and cheer for them.

Jayvee girls basketball 3-5

By Beverly Enos
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The j.v. girls basketball team is off to a rocky start with a record of 3-5 in league. Sophomore Heather Fristoe said, "We tried our hardest, but on some games we didn't come up on top."

After losing five games in a row, the girls were hungry for a win, and they beat the Lindhurst Blazers by five points. Starting point guard Rachel Gibbs twisted her ankle within the first six minutes of the game, but even though their starting point guard was injured, the j.v girls pulled through with a big win. Jessica Cervantes, a sophomore, said, "I told them to act like Rachel wasn't hurt, but knowing she was hurt made the team play harder."

On January 19 the team was ready to beat Marysville. The team came out strong defensively but lagged on offense. They started the second quarter neck and neck. At half time R.C was down by one basket. When they came out of halftime the battle was on. The third quarter was the quarter that decided which team wanted it more, and during the fourth quarter the Raiders really kicked in their defense and executed on offense. They had about a 12-point run that led them to victory, 47-35. Coach Shawn King said, "Marysville was the game that everything came together both offensively and defensively."

Sophomore Rachel Gibbs said, "We were ready from the beginning. We just had that feeling. It was time to win. After defeating Marysville, our coach brought us into the locker room and told us that this was the first time we've defeated Marysville in over five years."

Another fantastic game was played at River City on January 23 against Lincoln. The girls dominated for all four quarters starting off with intensity and this intensity lasted throughout the game. The lady Raiders ended the game with a 20-point lead over the Zebras and the final score was 60-40.